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SUBJECT: NATIONALIZATION OF BAUXITE INDUSTRY IN SURINAM

1. PIER VAN GORKUM, PPR MEMBER OF SECOND CHAMBER, MADE ARRIVAL STATEMENT JULY 27 ON RETURN FROM PARLIAMENTARY GROUP VISIT TO SURINAM AND PERSONAL VISIT TO GUYANA. PRESS REPORTS THAT HE SAID NATIONALIZATION OF BAUXITE INDUSTRY IN SURINAM WOULD BE EASIER THAN IN GUYANA OWING TO AVAILABLE HYDROELECTRIC POWER, PROCESSING FACILITIES, AND BETTER TRANSPORT FACILITIES. ANNUAL REPORT OF GUYANESE BAUXITE COMPANY HAD BEEN FULLY REVEALED TO HIM BUT SURALCO ANNUAL REPORT IN SURINAM WAS UNAVAILABLE.

2. WE CHECKED WITH OFFICE OF RESIDENT SURINAMESE MINISTER AND WITH OFFICE OF REALM AFFAIRS IN ECON MINISTRY (D'ANGREMOND) ABOUT BACKGROUND OF STATEMENT. BOTH ANSWERED ESSENTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: VAN GORKUM IS MEMBER OF SOCIALIST LEFT-WING GROUP ADVOCATING NATIONALIZATION OF INDUSTRY. STATEMENT WAS PARTLY FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND PARTLY TO ENCOURAGE SMALL PARALLEL POLITICAL GROUP IN SURINAM

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AND WAS DIRECTLY COUNTER TO GOS POLICY. GOS HAS STRONGLY REJECTED

NATIONALIZATION POLICY IN FAVOR OF JOINT VENTURES. REFLECTING
HIGHLY VALUED AUTONOMY FROM GON, GOS DISAPPROVES OF NETHERLANDS
PARLIAMENTARY INTERFERENCE SUCH AS ABOVE STATEMENT.
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